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'Tis not enough, wit, art, and learning join;
In all you ſpeak, let truth and candor ſhine.
POPE's Eſſay on Criticiſm.

THE noiſe which the publication of the Memoirs of our Society has made in the world, having procured us a great number, both of Readers, and of Correſpondents, it may be proper, at this time, to ſay ſomewhat, both to obviate the objections of ſome of the former, and to give ſome information to the latter, and thereby to contribute to the ſatisfaction of both.

Some of our Readers ſeem to be of opinion, that we ought to publiſh nothing but what we approve of, and are ready to defend. But in this we think they are under a miſtake; which, if followed by us, would, by depriving the world of ſeveral learned controverſial Papers, deprive it at the ſame time of much diverſion and inſtruction. Whenever therefore any thing is advanced in any diſſertation here publiſhed, which our Readers think wrong, they are at liberty to oppoſe it; and if their objections are drawn up in ſuch a manner as is proper to appear in Public, they certainly ſhall in this *Paper:* and in this we only confirm a promiſe made in our 38th.

Beſides, they are deſired to conſider, that in a Work of this nature, it cannot be avoided, but that many things muſt be inſerted, either at the requeſt of particular friends, or at the deſire of Perſons, whom it is not proper to diſoblige; and this muſt needs be often done upon views, of which our Readers cannot poſſibly judge exactly, for want of being acquainted with all the concomitant circumſtances.

As to our kind Correſpondents, if they ſend us any thing which tends either to the promoting of lewdneſs, or to the undermining of reveal'd Religion, they muſt not expect that we will publiſh it. If any of them think fit to attack the moral character of perſons, the Writer is deſired to ſubſcribe his name, and place of abode, that we may know to whom to apply for further ſatisfaction, as to the truth of the fact. If thoſe who are reflected upon are perſons of a very good reputation, we ſhall by no means ever be induced to contribute to their defamation. But if their characters be very vile, or they have been inſtrumental in the defamation of others, we ſhall not be very tender, with regard to ſuch.

All animadverſions upon ſtupid Authors will be very acceptable: for we look upon all pretenders to wit or learning, who, without either genius or language, undertake to write books, as no better than common Cheats, who would impoſe damaged goods upon the Public; and even much worſe than ſuch, if their writings tend to corrupt, not only the taſte, but the morals of the Reader.

If a Piece be written well in the general, we think it too ſevere to expoſe a few particular miſtakes, unleſs they are of conſiderable conſequence; and in this caſe it will be proper to do it with a very tender hand. And as in this proceeding no reſentment on any perſonal or national account ought to have any influence: ſo when once a man has brought a charge againſt another, he ought, if it be juſt, to defend, or, if it be wrong, to retract it.

This is mentioned with a particular view to the charge of falſe Latin brought againſt Mr. T---- by CALEDONIUS, which was printed in our 39th *Journal*. The place inſtanced in, is the very firſt ſentence in his Oration, *Vix arbitrabar fore, Academici, eum, qui ex hoc dicendi loco hodierno die verba fit facturus, quidquam proferre oportere, quod*, &c. Where CALEDONIUS humbly conceived, that *fore, eum — quidquam proferre oportere* was bad Latin; and that it ought to have been, *fore, ut is ---- quidquam proferre neceſſe haberet*. In anſwer to this charge BRITANNO-SCOTUS ſent us a Letter, which we publiſhed in our 42d *Journal:* to which we wonder that CALEDONIUS never ſent any reply, which we think he was obliged in honour to have done. In that Letter an appeal being made to Mr. BAVIUS, it drew him into the diſpute; who has communicated two Letters to our Society, which he received from the ſame hand: the firſt of which here follows.

SIR,

I DID not expect to ſee ſo ſerious a vindication of Mr. T---'s Oration as appeared in your 42d *Journal*; for ſurely the cauſe did not need it. Honeſt CALEDONIUS, at the ſame time he finds fault with that Gentleman's eloquence, gives ſufficient proof of the force of it; and I think, no mean Specimen of his own. Look back upon his Letter, that you may not think I injure him. You ſee him there *ſurpriſed* at firſt: then *in a ſweat and trembling when he came to thoſe words* — But, behold, he recovers! and aſks *without paſſion*, i. e. in pure *Scotch* meekneſs, *whether this* PERT *Fellow of a College is not very much to blame?* Ay, good People, *whether he does not really deſerve cenſure*, not only for *ſuch horrid outrage upon a whole Nation*, but becauſe he underſtands his intereſt no better: for *ſurely he intends* (by ſpeaking upon King CHARLES's martyrdom in terms almoſt as ſtrong as the *Engliſh* Liturgy) *to be no more than Fellow of a College as long as he lives; otherwiſe he would not have ſet his name to ſuch* GRIEVOUS *words. 'Tis much none of the* GRAVISSIMA *capita ſhould keep him from printing* them. Who, O ye Powers of *Grubſtreet*, is not now convinced, that we ought to be ſent to *Aberdeen* to learn P n eloquence; I ſhould have us'd that more *affecting* term, *Humanity?* where we may have a chance of being kindly furniſh'd with *boots*, if we have none to carry us thither.——But, Mr. BAVIUS, my deſign was to offer one word to your conſideration. You ſay, in the paſſage cited from SALLUST, *Tamen in rem fore credens univerſos appellare* &c. SE *ſhou'd have been either expreſs'd or neceſſarily underſtood*, to entitle it to a vindication of Mr. T 's *Vix arbitrabor fore cum oportere*. Now if we may be decided by VOSSIUS's authority, the accuſative, in all the like inſtances, is underſtood before the infinitive mood. This, he ſays, *Natura & ratio dictat*. See *lib. de conſtruct.* c. xx. He inſtances in ſeveral paſſages where the accuſative is expreſs'd, as, *Omnes homines, qui* SESE *præſtare ſtudent cæteris animalibus. Vocem loquentis* ME *audire viſus ſum. Si quiſquam eſt, qui placere* SE *ſtudeat bonis omnibus*, and many others. All which prove, I humbly think, that we may with good authority ſay, with an accuſative before the infinitive, *Tamen in rem fore credens* SE *univerſos appellare*, &c. tho' SALLUST in that paſſage did not think proper to inſert it.

You ſhow'd your impartiality very handſomely by printing the laſt Letter: but your diſtinction between *bad* Latin and *falſe* Latin, tho' the latter was the charge upon *almoſt every Page in the Oration*, made me ſuſpect CALEDONIUS was one of your Society He may boaſt, if he pleaſes, of being of the *Number of the Execrable:* I ſhall always reckon him one of thoſe whom *Tully* deſcribes *ex numero Diſertorum*; and, if you don't publiſh this, one of the GRUBEANS.

I am

Oct. 25. 1730. yours, *&c.*

As to the other Letter from BRITANNO SCOTUS, we have been deſired by him, if we print it at all, to print it at length; which we do not think proper to do, being apprehenſive, that our Readers may be already pretty near tired with this dry critical altercation However we think it neceſſary to mention one thing contained in this laſt Letter, *viz.* the true ſtate of the caſe, which neither himſelf nor Mr. BAVIUS has given us exactly before. It is 'Whe-'ther the Infinitive *oportere* can ſtand after *fore*, or whe-'ther it is not to be reſolved into a ſubjunctive with *quod* 'or *ut?* Whether one can't ſay, *vix arbitrabar fore, oportere eum---quidquam proferre*, as well as, *ut oporteret eum?* This is no doubt, as he ſays, the right conſtruction of the paſſage: but then it is our opinion, that not one of the places quoted by him is parallel thereto.

This long inſtance of our impartiality, tho' tedious perhaps to ſome of our Readers, will I don't doubt be very grateful to ſome of our Correſpondents. Among whom we acknowledge our ſelves much obliged to PHILARCHÆUS; and ſhould be more ſo, if he would pleaſe to ſend us, as he promiſed, a continuation of the Criticiſms upon MILTON, which were printed in our 25th JOURNAL. To leap from the firſt Book to the tenth we do not think very methodical; and for that reaſon, we ſhall omit the firſt part of his laſt Letter. But to ſhew our readineſs to publiſh whatever we can conveniently which comes from his hand, we ſhall ſubjoin the latter part of it: at the ſame time deſiring him, for the future, to write each ſingle Letter upon ſome one particular ſubject and not in ſo miſcellaneous a manner, the tranſitions from MILTON to TERENCE, and the like, ſeeming to us not very natural.

Sir. * * * * * *

I have often thought it of great uſe in the reading of books, to tranſcribe thoſe paſſages that pleaſe and ſtrike one prodigiouſly. By this means a man reads over again, at leiſure, all that had entertained his taſte in the peruſal of twenty Volumes, in as *many* hours, or, perhaps, leſs. For a book has ſometimes a thouſand pages, of which, not above five are worth tranſcribing, or remembring: nay, ſometimes you may look over a Folio, without wanting your pen and ink at all. But then there are ſome Authors, the beſt of the Greek and Latin, and ſome few modern ones, whom you read with ſuch abundant pleaſure, that there's no knowing where to begin, nor when to have done exſcribing. The whole works of ſuch Authors, and every part of them are as good as the marrow or honey extracted from the lower claſſes; with this difference, that tho' they are a lump of ſweetneſs, they never cloy you, but rather the longer you eat, the farther you are from being ſatiated.

There's a paſſage in TERENCE, that I have written out more than once, with great ſatisfaction and hearty laughing; and I think, for ſatyrical acuteneſs and true wit, there's nothing beyond it either antient or modern. 'Tis in *Phormio, Act* II. *Sc.* 3. where DEMIPHO adviſes with three Counſellors learned in the Law about diſſolving his ſon's marriage.

DE. *Videtis quo in loco res hæc ſiet.* [*ſeo:*
Quid ago? dic, Hegio. HE. *Ego? Cratinus, cen-Si tibi videtur.* DE. *Dic, Cratine.* CRA. *Mene vis?*
Ego, quæ in rem tuam ſint, ea velim facias: mihi
Sic hoc videtur: quòd te abſente hìc filius
Egit, reſtitui in integrum, æquum eſſe & bonum:
Et id impetrabis, dixi. DE. *Dic nunc, Hegio.*
HE. *Ego ſedulo hunc dixiſſe credo: verum ita eſt,*
Quot homines, tot ſententiæ: ſuus cuique mos.
Mihi non videtur, quod ſit factum legibus,
Reſcindi poſſe: & turpe inceptu eſt. DE. *Dic, Crito.*
CRI. *Ego amplius deliberandum cenſeo:* [*probe:*
Res magna eſt. HE. *Num quid nos vis?* DE. *Feciſtis*
Incertior ſum multo, quam dudum.

Incertior ſum multo quàm dudum proves true upon tryal, not only in the Law, eſpecially the Common Law, which goes by Precedents, and on that very account muſt be corrupt and uncertain, but alſo in Phyſick and Divinity. Are you ſick? call three Phyſicians, let PHERESIUS himſelf be one (I mean Dr. M——D) you'll find them of quite different opinions; like the *Harioli* in PHÆDRUS.

Quid multa? variis diſſident ſententiis;
Hominiſque curam cura majore aggravant.

And in Theology the caſe is moſt manifeſtly the ſame. I have been told, that when the affair of Trin. Coll. firſt began near twenty years ago, ('tis yet far from being at an end) Doctor B. wanted the opinion of three great Lawyers upon it. SIR EDWARD NORTHEY was one: the other two are I believe ſtill living. They met; and after much talk the Doctor left them; and in his free manner told them, *They were like the three Lawyers in* TERENCE. Sir EDWARD having never read TERENCE's *Phormio* perhaps in all his life, ask'd a friend 'What the Doctor meant? 'for he ſeem'd diſpleas'd, and told them, *They were like the three Lawyers in* TERENCE. Why, ſays he, he meant That after all your debates he was, *incertior multo quàm dudum.*

Before I end my Letter, I muſt deſire DACTYL, one of your Poetaſters, to tranſlate into Engliſh (as well, if he can, as he did one of MARTIALS Epigrams in your 28th *Journal*) the following Tetraſtick.

Magnæ ſpes altera Romæ.

Altera ſpes Regis, Regni ſpes altera, ſolo
Principe Cambrorum, chare WILHELME, minor;
Eſto, quod es, ſimiliſque Patri, Fratrique ſecundus:
Nemo tibi ſimilis, nemo ſecundus erit.

I am yours,

Dec. 1, 1730. PHILARCHÆUS.

To oblige this Gentleman, Mr. DACTYL undertook this taſk, tho' much more difficult than the tranſlation of the Epigram of MARTIAL.

THAN FREDETIC only leſs, dear WILLIAM Thou,
The other hope of King and Kingdom now,
Be what thou art, like thy majeſtic Sire;
And ſecond to thy Brother, high aſpire:
None ever then, for glorious acts renown'd,
Alike to thee, none ſecond ſhall be found.

Dear BAVY,

THE complements you made your brother DUCK, ſome time ago, induced me to read *his Poems*. The Cri-

tics, like themſelves, envying him the honour, will not allow him to be the Author of them. It is in vain to alledge *the Royal bounty*, or *other external evidences*, to convince them of the truth of it. I have therefore, as an humble admirer of your Society, endeavoured to do juſtice to that worthy Rhyme, by pointing out ſome of thoſe *internal marks or characters*; which, with the other, will, I hope, amount to a demonſtration that *the Poems, which bear his name, are his*; at leaſt, that *they are ſuch, as none but his Fellow-threſhers ought to pretend to.*

For, in the firſt place, —ſome of his *words* are ſuch, as none but your brother BAYLEY's diſciples would have adopted, or apply'd as he has done, e. g. pag. 31.

——— — ——— *The hungry ſteed*
Neighing, complains he wants his daily feed.
p. 13. --- *to the houſe the ſacred Seer was come,*
And with ſupernal *power approach'd the room.*
——— — ——— *the wolf quits his prey;*
And, lowing, *with reluctance makes away.*
p. 19. *The graſs and ground each cheerfully ſurveys,*
Willing to ſee which way the advantage lays.

Of the ſame ſtamp are ſome of his *phraſes:* pag. 26.

'Tis ſervile fear, that does affright us *moſt:*
'Tis that transforms a ſhadow to a ghoſt.

As, likewiſe, his *expletives:* pag. 7.

And, ye protecting angels, that do ſtill
Wait round the bleſs'd, preſerve him from all ill.

His *ellipſes:* pag. 11.

O'er hills and dales my journey I purſued,
Nor ſlack'd my pace, 'till flowry Carmel view'd.

His *pleonaſms*, &c. pag. 30.

How, the third day, he roſe, and vanquiſh'd hell,
Subdued the grave, and death, victoriouſly.
p. 14. Both life and death are in thy powerful hand
Both life and death obey thy great command.

His *notions:* pag. 12.

Death is *a debt, we all to nature owe;*
And not an evil, but when counted ſo.
p. 30. *I'd trace the heavenly hero to the tree;*
And ſhow how God, in man, expir'd for me.
p. 27. Let poverty, or want, be what it will:
It does proceed from God, therefore's no ill.

It is true, he found his miſtake before he got 30 lines further; and therefore prays: pag. 28

Since wealth is but imaginary fame,
Since poverty is nothing but a name;
Since both from God's unerring hand are ſent:
Lord, give me neither; give me but content.

To theſe obſervations it may perhaps be objected by the Author of his life, that *he learn'd ſome of his Grammar, and that he took his learning faſter than his maſter could give it him:* but that, I take to be a charge, of which he might eaſily be acquitted: pag. 14.

Righteous and good art thou, Lord God of hoſt;
And all thy works are wonderful, and juſt.

But I would not be tedious; hoping that what I have hinted will be ſufficient to ſhow, that Mr. DUCK (as the Author of his Life is pleas'd to expreſs himſelf) *walks in no other ſtilts than thoſe of his own genius, which has juſtly render'd him the admiration of the preſent age.*

I am your loving Couſin,
SIMPLE SIMON.

An extempore anſwer to a queſtion of Mr. C—b-----r's, *when he was dreſs'd fit for his part at the Play-houſe.*

YOU ask me, C--LL--Y, Who appears the brighter,
The *Grub-ſtreet* HERO, or the *Grub-ſtreet* WRITER?
Strange! you ſhou'd ask, when you the ſecret know;
——— is the Writer, and the HERO you
Look in the glaſs of fops, and there by G--
You are the brighter, when ſo nicely clad.
But look in books, in them you'll find a glaſs,
Which ſhows the HERO is the WRITER's Aſs.

APOLLO's *revenge on* DAPHNE.

WHEN PHOEBUS gave the ſkittiſh DAPHNE chace,
And graſp'd a tree in his deceiv'd embrace:
The God, in pique prophetick, thus expreſs'd
This certain vengeance, and the Nymph addreſs'd:
Thou haſt, fair vegetable, 'ſcap'd my pow'r,
But to that form art chang'd in luckleſs hour;
Since thy coy pride, the God of wit declin'd,
Thy leaves ſtill curſt ſhall witleſs temples bind.

LONDON.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 3.

Sun. Nov. 22. Mr. Samburne, Bailiff of Andover, received a Letter, demanding, &c. ——— Yeſterday Mr. Barrett, of Brentford, received another. *P.* — Mr. Glover, a Grocer in Edgworth, and Tho. Morris, Eſq; of Biſhop's Caſtle in Shropſhire, have alſo received the like. *D J.* —— As have the widow of Juſtice Mitchel in Middle Moorfields, and Mr. Bradley at the next door. *D P.*

Yeſterday morn. a Negro boy, ſervant to Mr. Hyam, at Boreham in Eſſex, being ſtrictly examined, made a full confeſſion of ſetting fire to his Maſter's barn, ſtables, &c. but denies his knowing any thing of the man, who threatned the ſame, &c. ——— The ſame day a man was committed to the County Goal for Surrey: 4 Letters were found ſewed up in the lining of his waſtecoat. *D J.*

We hear that Ben. Hayes, a perſon ſent for from Dunkirk, by a Gent. of Durham-yard, to give teſtimony concerning the condition of that harbour, having been promiſed a place, and alſo money for his expences; he brought an action in the Court of Exchequer, to put an end to which, the Defendant did laſt week pay him a ſum of money in full ſatisfaction for his ſaid demands. *C.* —— *Were all promiſes of preferment in Church and State unperformed made actionable, it would contribute much to the preſervation of the memories of* great inſolvent Debtors, *and of the ſhoes of their* little inſignificant Creditors.

Yeſterday a man, very well dreſs'd, having a watch, 6 guineas, and ſome ſilver in his pockets, was found hanging in one of his garters, on a rail in Groſvenor-ſquare. *D J.*

Laſt week the ſeat of Sir John Trelawny in Cornwal, was deſtroy'd by fire, occaſioned by ſome linnen being left drying upon chairs in the kitchen. *E P. W E.*

Northampton, Nov. 28. We hear from S. Ives in Huntingdonſhire, that there were found laſt week, by the workmen employ'd in making a new road between Wisbich and March, in the Iſle of Ely, 2 Urns; in the largeſt of which were bones and aſhes, and in the other about 300 pieces of ſilver coin; among which are not 2 pieces alike, and by their date they appear to be 2000 years old. *E P. W E.*

About 11000 perſons have been qualified this term to act as Attorneys or Sollicitors, in the ſeveral Courts of law. 4 *Ev.* —— *I am informed, that this* ſtanding army of Attornies and Sollicitors *will be augmented to the number* 16000, *at leaſt: a noble body of* legal regular Troops

We hear, that for the better diſcovering of the Incendiaries, a method has been found out to ſet a private mark on all paper, whereby any perſon who uſes the ſame may be eaſily diſcovered. *S J.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Yeſterday the R. H. the Lord Mayor entertained the French Ambaſſador and his Lady, with ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, at a ſplendid dinner at Fiſhmongers hall *C.*

They write from Appleby in Weſtmoreland, that Char. Robinſon, Eſq; had, Nov. 26. a Letter dropt at his door, commanding him to wrap 40 l. in a piece of cloath, and tie the ſame to one of the poſts of the gallows, near that town, &c. *D P.* ——— From Biſſiter in Oxfordſhire, that a Letter was dropt the 26th paſt, at the door of Mr. John Horn, a Grocer of that place, demanding of him to lay 32 l. 11 s. 3 d. at the ſtep of his door, &c. *D J.*

Yeſterday Colley Cibber, Eſq; the famous Comedian and Comic-Author, was at Court, and had the honour to kiſs his Majeſty's hand, on his being appointed Poet Laureate, &c. and was graciouſly received. *D P.* —— The *E P. S J. L E.* of ſat. 5. *confirm the D P.* but the *C.* and *W E.* aſſert, that the report of his having kiſſed his Majeſty's hand, is entirely without foundation. —— Yeſterday Mr. Colley Cibber, the famous Comedian, was ſworn into the place of Poet Laureate. *P* — *The* London Journal *calls him* that celebrated Comedian, and Author of ſeveral excellent Plays; *in which he ſpeaks the judgment of the moſt learned of our Society: but we all agree, that he is* a Grand *and conſequently*, a famous Comedian, and *a very* Comical Author; *and, we don't doubt, but that this new* Preferment *will make him* more juſtly celebrated *than ever.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 5.

Yeſterday, at the Court of Common-Pleas, Weſtm. a Cauſe was tried between Phil. Legate and his Wife, Plaint. and —— Hamilton, Def. who driving a one horſe chaiſe, met Mrs. Legate on horſeback, and tho' ſhe made way for him, yet he drove up againſt her, and broke her leg. The Jury found for the Plaint. 100 l. damages. *C.*

We hear, that Elfred Staples of the Inner Temple, Eſq; is made by Sir Will. Aſhburnham, Bar. one of the Deputy Commiſſioners in the Alienation Office. *P.*

Sir Cha. Wager, Knt. one of the L. Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, is choſen one of the Society for propagating the Goſpel in foreign parts *D J.* —— *I think an* Admiral *a more proper perſon* to propagate the Goſpel in foreign parts, *than an* Archbiſhop.

Yeſterday morn. Moll. Harvey, who has been ſo long under confinement for affronting Sir John Gonſon, &c. was try'd before the L. C. J. Raymond, for keeping a diſorderly houſe in Shug-lane, and was found guilty by the Jury; and is to be brought up to the K. Bench bar next term, to receive ſentence *D P.* —*The D J. ſays* ſhe was tried laſt thurſday morning.

Laſt night, about 8, died ſuddenly, ſoon after ſupper, at his houſe in Spring garden, Charing-croſs, aged 63, the R. H. Ed. Southwell, Eſq; Principal Secretary of State for Ireland, &c. and firſt Clerk of the Privy Council in G. Britain, &c. *L E.*

A few days ſince the E. of Scarborough received a Letter, threatening, &c. *S J. W E.* --- The Lady El. Jermain having received a 2d Letter, cauſed the ſum demanded, being 50 l. to be left at a place appointed, and 6 fellows to watch: the money continued there 3 nights, but none was ſo hardy as to venture upon it. *S J. L E.* ——The report of her receiving this 2d Letter is falſe. *W E.*

Yeſterday came on a trial at Weſtminſter-hall, between a Clergyman (ſome time ſince converted from being a Roman Catholick Prieſt) Plaint. and a Gentlewoman of Soho, Def. on an action brought for 500 l. againſt the Def. for ſlander, in ſaying, That the Plaint. had been guilty of ſeveral attempts, with an intent to raviſh a Girl of about 13 years of age, that was her relation; and alſo of ſeveral other attempts of the like nature upon other perſons, which was proved upon the Def. But in confirmation of what had been ſaid, ſhe proved, that the Plaint. had, at ſeveral times, in particular on ſundays, been guilty of a very wanton behaviour, unbecoming a perſon of his function; and the Def having the character of a very diſcreet and civilized woman, by ſeveral perſons of diſtinction that appeared on her behalf, the Jury gave the Plaint. 1 s. damage. *S J.* —— The Rev. Mr. Gaven, Author of a book againſt Popery, Plaint. againſt Mrs. Read, &c. *W E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 7.

We hear that —— Charnock, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Pinſent Charnock, Bar. ſome time ſince Knight of the Shire for the County of Bedford, ſtands Candidate to ſucceed James Metcalf, Eſq; deceaſed, as repreſentative for the town of Bedford. *P.*

On ſat. Count Watzdorff arrived here from Dreſden, in quality of Envoy extraordinary from the K. of Poland. *D P.*

A fine gravel private walk is making for her Majeſty in the upper S. James's Park, beginning at the top of Conſtitution-hill, and leading thence to the wall to Mr. Clayton's houſe, in Cleveland-court, through which her Majeſty has a key, and another for the paſſage from the ſtable-yard into S. James's houſe. *Ibid.*

By Letters from Exeter we learn, that on ſat. a fellow ſurrender'd himſelf to the Mayor, and diſcover'd 17 or 18 of his accomplices concern'd in ſending threatning Letters to ſeveral people. One of theſe incendiaries is in priſon already, who is ſworn againſt to have wrote ſome of the Letters. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 8.

Yeſterday being the anniverſary of the birth of the Princeſs Louiſa, ſhe received the compliments from ſeveral perſons of quality and diſtinction; and her Majeſty was pleaſed to preſent her Highneſs with a fine gold Urn, of curious workmanſhip; ſhe had alſo ſeveral fine preſents from the Princeſſes Royal, Amelia, and Caroline. *C.* —— She then enter'd into the 7th year of her age. *D P.*

We hear, that a perſon of ſome rank is arrived here from the Court of Spain, charged with ſome important commiſſion. *P.*

Norwich, Dec. 5. On monday morning an anonymous Letter was found in the yard of Mr. Burton, a Brewer in this City, &c. —— One Mr. Walpole, a Grocer of New Buckenham, 12 miles from this City, received the ſame day one of theſe Letters. *Ibid.*

Briſtol, Dec. 5. We have a certain account from Bath, that a woman is committed there, on a violent ſuſpicion of being concern'd with the Incendiaries. She informed the Juſtices, that 2 men gave her a guinea to carry a letter to a certain perſon in that city, which ſhe did; informing the ſaid gentleman, that one of the men wanted a little finger, and the other a thumb. *Ibid.*

They write from Northampton, that threatning letters had been ſent to Mr. Tho. Holmes, Mr Barnes, and the Widow Warts; that the Mayor having caus'd 15 Vagrants to be taken up, had order'd eight of them to be publickly whipt, and the other 7 to be kept in ſafe Cuſtody. *D P.*

The office of Principal Secretary of ſtate for Ireland, with a Salary of 500 l. per Ann. is devolv'd on Ed. Southwell, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of the late R. H. Ed. Southwell, Eſq; by virtue of a grant of his late Majeſty K. George. *Ibid.*

The Archbiſhop of Canterbury hath collated the Rev. Dr. Walker, to the Rectory of S. Mary Aldermary, worth about 200 l. per Ann. *Ibid.*

We hear that Lieutenant Kent, who lately eſcaped from Pruſſia, lodges at preſent at Highgate. *E P. S J. W E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 9.

We are well aſſured from ey-witneſſes of the fact, that the weſt end of the harbour of Dunkirk has been demoliſhed, and the ſtones and rubbiſh thrown into the channel, whereby the courſe of the current has been ſo much interrupted, and thereby wreck'd up with ſand, that veſſels of the ſmalleſt burthen cannot enter the harbour without great danger. *C.* ——*This* harbour *muſt needs be now effectually* demoliſhed, *ſince, according to this account, both ſea and land, art and nature conſpire againſt it.*

Mond night a Gent. was attack'd by 2 Street-robbers over againſt Mercers-Chappel in Cheapſide, from whom he received ſeveral blows, when he drew his ſword, and bravely defended himſelf: but ſome people appearing, the

villians made off, down the Old Jury, altho' ſeveral watchmen were at their ſtands in ſight, that never came to his aſſiſtance. *Ibid.* —— *The buſineſs of* Watchmen *ſeems to be, not to hinder but to facilitate the eſcape of villains: and I fear the greater part of them do not prevent, but promote robbing, as well as whoring.*

The Rev. Mr. Samuel Greene, Fellow of Queen's Coll. Cam.. was yeſterday inducted into the living of S. George the Martyr, in Queen's-ſquare, Ormond-ſtreet. *D P.*

Cha. Greenwood, Eſq; firſt Clerk in extraordinary of the moſt Hon. Privy Concil, is appointed one of the 4 Clerks in ordinary of the ſame, in the room of Edward Southwell, Eſq; *D J.*

Yeſterday morning the Lady of the R. H. Will. Pulteney Eſq was ſafely delivered of a ſon and heir. *Ibid.*

At Witham in Eſſex, 11 Vagrants were, laſt week, taken up there, who had threaten'd to ſet fire to the houſe of Mr. Will Everard; 5 were publickly whipt, 3 ſent to the houſe of correction, and 3 to the County gaol. —— And on ſunday, a perſon well dreſs'd was ſeiz'd at Kelvedon, and there were found upon him ſeveral threatning Letters, a liſt of all the Gentlemens names in the neighbourhood, a brace of piſtols, and 2 picklocks; and he was committed to Chelmsford goal on monday. *Ibid.* —— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to make a grant to Col. Charteris for all his eſtate and effects forfeited to the Crown by his late Conviction for a rape, and laſt monday a patent paſſed the proper ſeals for that purpoſe. *D J.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

The following verſes ſent to Mr. GILLIVER being communicated to us, are here printed as a ſecond inſtance of the wit and literature of thoſe Gentlemen who are allarmed at the publication of our Memoirs.

SIR, *S. Giles's, Nov.* 11, 1730.

THE villian will never be fond, take my word,
For whom you have offer'd ten guineas reward;
But if you ſhould find him, pray what's your intent,
Or what can you make of the letter he ſent;
Or ſuppoſe he intended your Captain to kill.
There has many A Gooſe loſt his life for a quill:
And GULL, A diminutive Gooſe will be found,
I'll lay you A Liver, i. e. A French Pound.
Then ſet your ſelf down, and compoſe you to reſt;
Or faith you'll be found but A Gooſe-cap at beſt.
But if nothing will ſerve you, but taking the law,
You'll ſee that in that he'll ſoon find out A flaw,
And ſend you a Warrant for Scandal *Magnatum*,
Shall ſoon make you cry out *Peccavi peccatum.*

Yours, CRAMBO RIMEUS.

My Brother FOG having attack'd me in verſe, and not anſwer'd my laſt reply in his own numbers, I thought fit to ſhew him how he might have done it.

FOG *to* GULLIVER.

1.

WHY how now, GULLIVER!
You are a ſaucy Curre,
To jeſt on my favorite FOG.
You ſay you have wit,
But I cannot ſee it,
Unleſs 'tis to call a man dog.

2.

In *Grub-ſtreet* you were born;
Your bad language I ſcorn;
For know, that I am better bred:
You have given the lie,
So take care, by the bye,
That I don't break your H——r's head.

3.

In vain to paſs you hope
For Apollo's friend POPE,
The Town's not impoſed on ſo ſoon:
Men read, and cry the while,
This is none of POPE's ſtile,
No more than the man's in the moon.

4.

But, my honeſt friend GRUB,
Pray learn to take a rub;
We're both of a trade, there's no doubt:
It is for both our ends,
That we ſhould not be friends,
So let us agree to fall out.

5.

As Lawyers at the barr,
Are friends, tho' they jarr,
So take you a hint from this letter:
GRUB, abuſe me; GRUB, do;
And let me abuſe you;
And ſo we ſhall both ſell the better.

Mr. STEPHEN DUCK is choſen a Member of our Society, to qualify him to appear with a better grace as a Candidate for the Laurel, in caſe of a new vacancy; and to obviate the objection for the future, which was lately made againſt him.

The Society adjourned the affair relating to the NEW LAUREATE to this day ſe'nnight.

Dublin, Nov. 20. Thurſday laſt Mr. Johnſton and Mr. Porter were tried for the murder of Patrick Murphy, the tryal laſted from 1 in the morning till 10 at night, when the Jury brought them in guilty and this day they receiv'd ſentence to be hang'd and quarter'd this day fortnight. *C.* &c. 8. —— This week died Mrs. Yeats, aged 103, not in the leaſt impair'd in her ſenſes, even to the hour of her death. *P.*

Cork, Nov. 24. Sund. laſt was taken and committed to the priſon of this City, John Holley, the Gardner, concern'd in the barbarous murder of Lieut. S. Leger, and his Spouſe. *C. D J.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 3.

Paris, Dec. 9. M. de Chyrac, newly appointed the King's firſt Phyſician, is to receive, according to cuſtom, a crown from each Phyſician and Surgeon in the kingdom, of which 'tis reckon'd they are 300,000 in number. *E P. W E.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Vienna, Nov. 18. We are aſſur'd, that a new ſtrict alliance is made between the Imperial, Ruſſian and Pruſſian Courts. *D P.*

Stockholm, Nov. 19. The Count de Caſtejo, the French Ambaſſador at this Court, has received freſh orders, upon which he had the next day an audience, to give notice to his Swediſh Majeſty, to hold the Troops ſtipulated by Treaties in ſuch a readineſs as to march at an hour's warning, ſince all hopes of a general peace begin to vaniſh. *Ibid.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 5.

Vienna, Nov. 29. We learn from Belgrade, that the Baſhaws of Widin, Boſnia, and Niſſa, have been carried to Conſtantinople, and that the Baſhaw of the Morea has been ſtrangled, on ſuſpicion of holding a correſpondence with the Venetians. *D P. D J.* He was Son in law to the depoſed Sultan. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 8.

Hambourg, Dec. 5. We learn from Copenhagen, that the Marq. de Plelo, Ambaſſador from France, having communicated his laſt diſpatches to his Daniſh Majeſty, orders were ſent to M. de Levenohr, firſt Secretary of War, to acquaint the prime Officers of ſeveral regiments, to put their troops in a readineſs to march. *D P*

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